Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project

APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR THE PROPOSED HAMPSHIRE WATER TRANSFER AND WATER RECYCLING PROJECT (APPLICATION REFERENCE: WA010002)

NOTIFICATION OF PRELIMINARY MEETING, OPEN FLOOR HEARING AND ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING UNDER SECTIONS 88, 91, 93 AND 94 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND RULE 13(6) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (on behalf of the Secretary of State) for the examination of the application made by Southern Water Services Limited (company number 02366670) of Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX ("Applicant") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("Application").

The Application is for development consent for the proposed Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project ("Project") which is a water supply scheme designed to address a water supply shortage within the Applicant's Hampshire supply area.

The Secretary of State (via the Planning Inspectorate) received the Application (Reference No. WA010002) on 28 May 2026 and the Application was accepted for examination on 25 June 2026. The Examining Authority was appointed on 28 July 2026 to examine the Application and the Examination will begin from the close of the Preliminary Meeting on Wednesday 11 November 2026.

Hearing	Date	Time	Venue
Preliminary Meeting (PM)	Wednesday 11 November 2026 (AM)	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9:30am Virtual registration process from: 9:30am Preliminary meeting starts: 10:00am	Fareham Innovation Centre, Merlin House, 4 Meteor Way, Fareham, Lee-on-the-Solent, PO13 9FU By virtual means using Microsoft Teams.
Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)	Wednesday 11 November 2026 (PM)	Seating available at venue from: 2:00pm Virtual registration process from: 2:00pm Hearing starts: 2:30pm	Fareham Innovation Centre, Merlin House, 4 Meteor Way, Fareham, Lee-on-the-Solent, PO13 9FU By virtual means using Microsoft Teams.
Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1)	Thursday 12 November 2026	Seating available at venue from: 9:30am Virtual registration process from: 9:30am Hearing starts: 10:00am	Fareham Innovation Centre, Merlin House, 4 Meteor Way, Fareham, Lee-on-the-Solent, PO13 9FU By virtual means using Microsoft Teams.

Details regarding attending and speaking at the Hearings are set out in the Examining Authority's Rule 6 notification available via the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/WA010002

Interested Parties wishing to speak at the Hearings listed above should notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing by completing the event participation form via the website link above by 2 November 2026. If you require assistance to register your attendance, please contact the Planning Inspectorate by calling 0303 444 5000 or by email HampshireWaterProject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk and quote the Application's reference number: WA010002.

The Hearings will also be held as virtual events, and it will be possible to join them via any standard internet browser or alternatively by telephone dial-in. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered.

Please note that Hearings will be recorded, and the recordings will be published on the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as practicable after each Hearing has taken place.

Further information regarding the Hearings, the examination of the Application, the full timetable, how and when to register to speak at the Hearings, and how and when to make written submissions will also be available on the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website (link above), or by contacting the Planning Inspectorate (details above).

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Summary of the Project

The Project is located in Hampshire, South East England, extending from Havant on the south coast, to Otterbourne near Winchester.

The Project comprises the construction, operation and maintenance of the following components:

- Water Recycling Plant and associated pumping stations;
- Pipelines between Budds Farm Wastewater Treatment Works and the Water Recycling Plant site;
- Pipelines between the Water Recycling Plant site and Bedhampton Springs, connecting to pipelines being delivered by Portsmouth Water between Bedhampton Springs and Havant Thicket Reservoir;
- Pipeline between the Water Recycling Plant site and Otterbourne Water Supply Works; and
- Above Ground Plant comprising Intermediate Pumping Stations and Break Pressure Tanks located along the Pipeline between the Water Recycling Plant site and Otterbourne Water Supply Works.

The Project would also comprise the use of the following infrastructure:

- Havant Thicket Reservoir (which has been consented separately by Portsmouth Water and is currently under construction) for the storage of recycled water;
- The existing Eastney Long Sea Outfall, Eastney Pumping Station, and associated Eastney Transfer Tunnel for the release of reject water from the Water Recycling Plant site; and
- Pipelines and other related works (which have been consented separately by Portsmouth Water) for the transfer of recycled water and source water between Bedhampton Springs and Havant Thicket Reservoir.

The construction and operation of the Project would be supported by other temporary and permanent works and will require the demolition, disassembly and/or temporary relocation of a number of small structures.

The Application is required because the Project is to be treated as development for which a development consent order is required under the Planning Act 2008 pursuant to a direction issued by the Secretary of State under section 35(1) of the Planning Act 2008 dated 31 May 2022 (as varied on 19 November 2024). As such, the decision whether to grant development consent will be made by the Secretary of State.

The DCO, if granted, would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily. The DCO would also authorise alterations to the layout of streets, the construction of accesses to the Project, the temporary closure etc., and permanent diversion of public rights of way, street works, works to trees and hedgerows, and the application, disapplication and modification of legislation.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an Environmental Statement (ES) accompanies the Application.

Application form and accompanying documents:

The Application form and the accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the ES, non-technical summary of the ES and draft DCO, are available to view electronically and download, free of charge, under the 'Documents' tab on the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website:

https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/WA010002/documents.

The Application documents will be available to view online at least until the Secretary of State makes its decision whether or not to grant the Development Consent Order.

You can also contact the Applicant using the contact details in this notice if you have any enquiries in relation to the Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps.

Copies of the Application documents may be requested by contacting the Applicant on 0800 254 5138 or by email at HampshireWTWRP@southernwater.co.uk.

Requests for documents in an alternative format such as large print or audio for those with visual impairments or in an alternative language for those who do not speak English as a first language will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Requests for printed copies of these documents will be considered on a case-by-case basis. A charge will apply to contribute to the printing and postage costs and will be confirmed on request. The cost of providing copies of the Application documents will be £0.35 per page, up to a maximum of £10,000.

Applicant's contact details

For further information about the Application, or to request copies of documents, the Applicant can be contacted by using the following details:

Freephone: **0800 254 5138**

Email: **HampshireWTWRP@southernwater.co.uk**

Freepost: **FREEPOST HAMPSHIRE WTWRP CONSULTATION**

Any details you provide to the Applicant via telephone or e-mail will be subject to its privacy policy linked here:

https://www.southernwater.co.uk/about-us/our-policies-and-standards/privacy-policies/ and will be treated confidentially and processed and handled in accordance with the relevant data protection legislation.

Southern Water Services Limited

21 October 2026

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